



Oklahoma History Center announces major donation to Oklahoma African American Collection



OHS Research Division Director Bill Welge accepts the Shawnee Dunbar High School donation from Dr. Donnie Nero (photograph courtesy of Bruce Fisher).

The Oklahoma History Center recently received a rare collection from the Shawnee Dunbar High School Alumni Association. Dr. Donnie Nero, president of the Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame, formally presented the collection to the Oklahoma History Center on Tuesday, June 28. The collection is primarily documents such as scrapbooks, school newspapers, alumni programs, and photographs. It also is comprised of artifacts including a student band uniform, band director uniform with cap, and sport letterman sweater.

As a result of the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education, Topeka* decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, Shawnee began implementing its integration program at the high school level in 1956. High school students at Dunbar were given the option of transferring as a group to Shawnee High School. Some transferred immediately, while others chose to remain at Dunbar until their transfer was mandatory and the high school segment was abolished. The class of 1957 was the last to graduate from Dunbar.

Shirley Campbell, past president of the Dunbar Alumni Association, described the excitement of past reunions, but without a school the number of alumni is getting smaller. "We have had our last reunion, that's it, but I prayed that we would have a place like this where our kids could come and learn about Dunbar High School," she said.

Judge Kenneth Watson, also from Shawnee, spearheaded the donation decision. "My grandfather was principal; my dad, Nat Watson, was the coach; and I spent so much of my life at Dunbar, so I wanted to protect our history," he said. Lerlene Hill was most responsible for assembling the collection. Over the years she collected and protected these items and placed them under lock and key at the Dunbar Heights Community Center.

"With this generous donation of artifacts and documents, we will be able to tell in more complete form the African American experience in Oklahoma," said Bruce Fisher, curator of Oklahoma African American history. "This is one of the largest collections of material from segregation-era schools in Oklahoma. It will really help tell our story."

Photographs from the Shawnee Dunbar High School Collection. On the left is Leslie Blakely in his football gear. On the right is the 1950-51 Dunbar Bears football team.





Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**
Executive Director

As a historian I am drawn to recurring themes.

I like the drama of coping with challenges and taking advantage of opportunities. I like stories of diversity and a sense of community. And I have always been attracted to the history of the built environment, from homes and neighborhoods to buildings and towns.

Common to all of these themes is my preference for interpreting history through the actions of individual men and women. To me, history is not only more interesting when it is personal, but it is also more accurate. After all, people make history.

One person who has helped the Oklahoma Historical Society make history just retired. That person is my good friend and partner Robert "Bob" Thomas.

I met Robert in 1998 when I was leading a team developing plans for the Oklahoma History Center. At the time he was the director of Construction and Properties for the State of Oklahoma.

I told him we were interested in doing an architectural competition, which had never been done through the state selection process. Instead of taking the easy way out and saying "no, it can't be done because it has never been done that way," he worked with his attorneys to find a way to make the competition work. The result was an award-winning design team.

A year later when I took the helm as director of the OHS, I faced the challenge of building the Center, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. If the OHS was to continue its evolution, I knew the building had to be first class, kept under budget, and completed on schedule. I asked Robert to be my deputy director, with the primary task of making all of that happen.

For the next five years Robert and I were joined at the hip. While I coordinated planning, raised money, and forged partnerships, he worked with architects, consultants, and contractors to deliver on the promises I was making at each step of the journey. When we hit snags, and there were plenty of them, he was there to study the situation, offer options, and direct the next offensive campaign.

In short, Robert Thomas was my confidant, my counselor, and my friend as we built the Oklahoma History Center for the people of this great state.

Yes, people make history. Robert Thomas, through years of service, made history for the Oklahoma Historical Society. He will be missed, and he will be remembered.

Dr. Bob

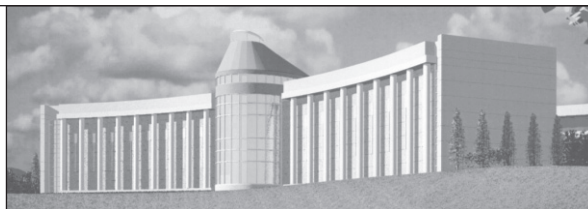
Development News

By Paul Lambert

As of June 28, 2011, we had forty-five spots remaining on the grounds of the Oklahoma History Center for monogrammed bricks. For a donation of \$35 each, these bricks are a wonderful way to honor your family name or loved one or to recognize an individual or organization. I can send a form to you via email or U.S. mail for you to complete with text for the brick and to return with your payment. I also can take credit card payment on the phone, and we could determine the text at that time as well. Note that the bricks can have three lines of text with no more than fourteen spaces per line available for letters and spacing between words.

Our Legacy Limestone Paver Program offers another means of honoring families, individuals, or organizations. These limestone pavers are located in the foyer of the Oklahoma History Center where they are protected from the weather and are seen by all visitors. Three lines of text containing a maximum of thirty letters and spaces can be engraved on the two-foot by two-foot pavers. Pavers may be engraved for a donation of \$5,000 per paver.

Other naming opportunities at the Oklahoma History Center are diverse, from as low as \$500 to sponsor a marker on the Red River Journey Walk to as high as \$250,000 to name the large mezzanine or atrium landing on the third floor of the History Center. All of these various donation programs assist the Oklahoma Historical Society in fulfilling its mission of collecting, preserving, and sharing Oklahoma's remarkable history. To ask questions, reserve a brick or paver, or request an order form, contact me at 405/522-5217 or at plambert@okhistory.org.



New Members, June 2011

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AROUND OKLAHOMA

Meetings

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, August 1, at 6 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center in **Oklahoma City**. Larry J. Foster, a professional photographer, will be the guest speaker on the topic "Restoring Old Photographs." Foster will address the challenges of restoring and preserving family photographic treasures. For more information on the Oklahoma Genealogical Society, please visit www.okgensoc.org. To learn more about the upcoming guest speaker Larry J. Foster, visit www.fosterphotographicarts.com.

Workshop

On August 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center in **Oklahoma City** the Oklahoma Genealogical Society will host a skill-building workshop entitled "Strong Roots: Smooth the Way to Success at All Levels." Guest speaker Carrie Cook from Gregath Publishing Company will present information on researching genealogy and give helpful tips. Participants will build a strong skill base by enhancing old research techniques while developing new ones as well. The \$20 registration fee includes lunch and a syllabus of the information to be presented. To register, download the registration forms at www.okgensoc.org/events/2011skillbuildingworkshop.htm.

Events

Have you ever seen a World War II submarine? Oklahoma is proud to be home to its very own! Visit the *U.S.S. Batfish* Living History Days in **Muskogee** to see what life was like on a 1940s naval submarine. Living historians in period dress will man the submarine on Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The *U.S.S. Batfish* was commissioned on August 21, 1943, and participated in seven war patrols, sank fifteen enemy ships, and damaged three other ships. The submarine is now located in War Memorial Park in Muskogee at 3500 Batfish Road.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe will host its Children's Powwow on August 20 from 10

a.m. to 11 p.m. in **Wyandotte**. Children can play on inflatables, test their throwing arms at the dunk tank, and win prizes during raffles and cake walks. Traditional activities, such as storytelling and gourd dancing, will also be available. Native dance competitions will include tiny tot and junior divisions. Vendors providing food and American Indian crafts will be on hand. The Children's Powwow will be located behind the Bordertown Casino.

Oologah is the home of the Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch where on August 14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon the Will Rogers and Wiley Post Fly-in will take place. More than seventy small aircraft will land on the two-thousand-foot grass airstrip on the property. Visitors can talk to the pilots, view the aircraft, and participate in other events such as a car show, children's activities, and free tours of the Will Rogers Birthplace and Amish barn. Celebrate Will Rogers and Wiley Post's contributions to aviation at this free event.

All aboard! The Quartz Mountain Flyer, a passenger excursion train, will be making a trek through the beauty of southwest Oklahoma on August 20. Boarding begins at 9:35 a.m. at **Quartz Mountain**, located at the intersection of Routes 44 and 44A. The two-hour narrated train ride includes a brief stop in **Lone Wolf**. Tickets may be picked up in advance at Lone Wolf City Hall or at the train boarding platform on the day of the excursion. The Quartz Mountain Flyer is operated by the Farmrail Corporation, the citizens of Lone Wolf, and the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center. For more information, please call 580/846-9078.

Anadarko plays host to the annual Wichita Tribal Dance to be held August 13 to 16. Thursday and Friday evenings the festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 11 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday activities run from 2 to 11 p.m. Participants for this year will include gourd dancers, war dancers, and a color guard. Dance competitions will be open to Wichita tribal members and their descendants. Food and craft vendors will also be available. For more information, contact Terri Parton at 405/247-2425.

Frontier Days in **Tecumseh** will be held August 26 and 27. The festival celebrates the land run that took place in the area surrounding Tecumseh in September 1891. Gunfighters, American Indian dancers, and live bands will entertain

crowds Friday night and all day Saturday. The Miss Frontier Days pageant and coronation will also take place, along with activities for children and a car show. There will be great food vendors on hand to keep your hunger at bay. After Saturday's festivities wind down, stay around for an evening street dance.

On August 6 at 7:30 p.m. the city of **Lawton** and Fort Sill will each celebrate 110-year birthdays with free music and a movie in Elmer Thomas Park in Lawton. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and picnic baskets to the Lawton-Fort Sill Birthday Celebration, but pets and alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Concessions will be available for purchase from the Holiday in the Park organization. Should the weather turn unpleasant, the celebration will be held at the Museum of the Great Plains Auditorium, located at 601 N. Ferris Avenue. For more information about the Lawton-Fort Sill Birthday Celebration, please contact Sharon Cheatwood at 580/581-3470.

Exhibit

The prestigious *Prix de West* art exhibition is on display at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in **Oklahoma City** through September 5. *Prix de West* features more than three hundred paintings and sculptures by the elite of contemporary Western artists. Some of their works explore the history of the West while others are more impressionistic or contemporary in nature. The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Addition

The Union Pacific Railroad donated a baggage car to the Oklahoma Railway Museum located at 3400 NE Grand Boulevard in **Oklahoma City**. The newly acquired car was a Southern Pacific unit that the rail company had converted for maintenance service. The Oklahoma Railway Museum will employ the donation as a place for families to experience being on a train car and will utilize its space for functions.

Dr. Eric Schmaltz to present program at Sod House Museum



Dr. Eric Schmaltz will present "Europe between Hitler and Stalin" at the Sod House Museum at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 6. Schmaltz will review Timothy Snyder's recent book *Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin*. Snyder's book examines the sensitive matters of forced relocation and mass murder of millions of East European civilians by both the Nazi and Soviet totalitarian systems during the 1930s and 1940s.

Schmaltz also will discuss his recent tour of Odessa, Ukraine, and the surrounding rural villages that were subjects of Snyder's study. Schmaltz's extended relatives, ethnic Germans who once lived in Romania and Ukraine, experienced Nazi and Soviet rule during the time period of Snyder's book.

Schmaltz is an associate professor of history at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. He is widely published, serves as editor of *Heritage Review*, and is co-executive director of the newly established Northwestern Oklahoma State University Masonic Institute for Citizenship Studies.

For more information, call 580/463-2441 or email sodhouse@okhistory.org. The Sod House Museum is located southeast of Alva on State Highway 8 and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hidden Collections . . .

By Debra Spindle

The American Civil War, 1861-1865, touched every family living in the United States at that time. If your family included a male born around 1840, it is likely he participated in the war. More than six hundred thousand men died in this bloodiest of conflicts, with more than a million serving the Confederate cause and more than two million the Union.

If you are looking for information on a person, and if he was born between 1826 and 1840 (the ages shifted as the war progressed), one place to begin your search is in Janet B. Hewett's *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865* or *The Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865*. These volumes are in the microfilm room in the Library of the Oklahoma Historical Society Research Center and are organized by state and then by name. The entry will provide the unit in which your relative served. An online source for this information is the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System at the National Park Service's website <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss>. This site also provides regimental histories on where the units formed and the battles in which they participated.

Service records for soldiers in the Civil War have been microfilmed. These records can be ordered online from the National Archives (NARA) at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/pre-ww-1-records.html>. Individual state archives sometimes have records for Confederate soldiers serving from their state as well. The subscription database Footnote has digitized the Confederate records. Records for the US colored troops are also digitized, and the remainder of the Union records is in progress. You can access Footnote in the Library and through some public libraries. The Union records are typically better preserved,

and the records will usually provide the place, date, and conditions of enlistment, as a minimum.

Pension records are another rich source for information about your soldier. The index for Union soldier pensions can be found at both Ancestry.com and Footnote. This index is called *Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900*. The index card will provide the number of the pension, whether it is for a soldier or widow or other dependent, and the date of the law under which the pension was granted. In addition, many of these cards will provide the date and place of death of the soldier. Pensions for persons from this index can be ordered online at the same NARA site as the service records.

If you are searching for a pension for a Confederate soldier, you will need to search in the state where the veteran was living at the time the pension was granted. Pensions from a few states began quickly after the war for soldiers who had lost limbs, but other states (for example Oklahoma) did not grant pensions until 1915. You can see the dates and repositories for Confederate pensions at <http://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/civil-war-genealogy-resources/confederate/pension.html>. Indexes for Confederate pensions are available in print as well as online. At the Library we have printed indexes for Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. The index for Confederate pensions granted in Oklahoma is at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries website: <http://www.odl.state.ok.us/oar/docs/pension.pdf>. The Library holds the microfilmed Oklahoma Confederate pensions.

And do not forget to check out the Historical Society's website on the Civil War in Oklahoma and Indian Territories at <http://okcivilwar.org>. There are lots of photos and images of original documents as well as information on activities com-

Lunch and Learn Lecture at Oklahoma History Center

The Oklahoma Historical Society Research Division will sponsor a Lunch and Learn Lecture in the Oklahoma History Center classrooms on Wednesday, August 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The topic will be "The Ins and Outs of Searching the *Oklahoman* Archives." Guests are invited to join Phyllis Davidson as she explains how to explore the online archives of the *Oklahoman* and use them as a research tool.

Event registration is required, and the cost is \$10 per person, lunch included. To register, call 405/522-5225.

memorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War in Oklahoma.

Following are a few of the additional resources at the Library for researching the Civil War. Remember you can always check the online catalog at www.okhistory.org/research for more information:

Tennessee Civil War Veteran's Questionnaires

Compiled by Gustavus W. Dyer and John Trotwood Moore, Oklahoma History Center

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1890 Union and Widows Veterans' Census

Available on microfilm and on subscription databases such as Ancestry.com. Will provide unit and injuries, if any.

Indian Pioneer History

Check the index of these interviews for Civil War experiences. This index is on cards at the Library with the interviews on microfilm.

Oklahoma Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, History and Patriots

Alice Ann Askew, Mary Y. Hall

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Civil War Union Soldiers Buried in Oklahoma

N. Dale Talkington, Deone K. Percy

F693 T3

Tributes of Blue: Obituaries of Civil War: Union Soldiers and Sailors buried in Oklahoma

N. Dale Talkington, Deone K. Percy

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The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies prepared under the direction of the Secretary of War, United States War Department

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Oklahoma student takes third at National History Day contest



Oklahoma students from across the state recently returned from the 2011 Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest held at the University of Maryland, College Park. In all, sixty-seven Oklahoma students worked their way to this national contest, representing schools from across the state. This year Finnian Bender from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Edmond placed third in the junior division for his historical paper entitled “*St. Louis Refugees Face Consequences of Failed Diplomatic Debate Concerning Their Fate.*”

National History Day is a worldwide contest with students from all fifty states, American territories, and Department of Defense schools. Students compete in junior and senior divisions in the categories of exhibits, documentaries, performances, websites, and historical papers. Each year more than five thousand students compete at district contests in Oklahoma before advancing to the Oklahoma History Center for the state contest in May.

If you would like to find out more about National History Day in Oklahoma, please visit www.okhistory.org/historyday or contact Jason Harris at 405/522-0785.

Historic Preservation EXPO scheduled for August 19, 20

The Historic Preservation EXPO will be held on Friday, August 19, and Saturday, August 20, in the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma. This event is sponsored in part by the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the city of Oklahoma City.

The purpose of the exposition is to provide a venue for participants interested in historic preservation where they can gain access to local resources, available materials, demonstration booths, sustainable and preservation sources, and various educational presentations.

For more detailed information on the program topics and times, please call 405/297-3168 or email alice.johnson@okc.gov.

OHS Places . . .

No Man's Land Museum

207 West Sewell Street

Goodwell, OK 73939-0278

Telephone: 580/349-2670

Hours: June through August, Tues.-Sat.,

10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

September through May, Tues.-Sat.,

10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Closed: Sundays, Mondays, and holidays.

Admission: Free; donations accepted.

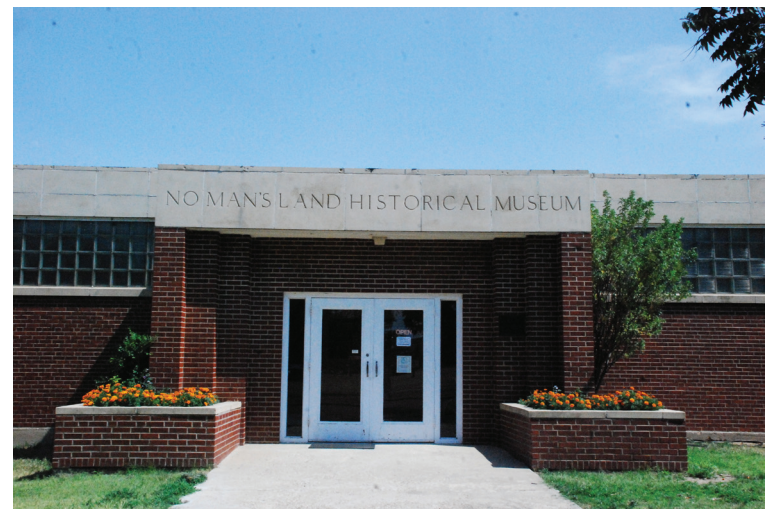
Situated in the Oklahoma Panhandle and ten miles southwest of Guymon, the No Man's Land Museum is located at 207 West Sewell Street in Goodwell, home of Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Established in 1934, the museum is an affiliate of the Oklahoma Historical Society and is operated by the No Man's Land Historical Society.

The facility offers eight exhibit rooms comprising of ten thousand square feet. Visitors will find among the collections American Indian artifacts, stone tools, grinding stones, pottery, beadwork, a doll collection, a barbed wire display, items used by early Oklahoma settlers, and a photographic exhibit on the Dust Bowl.

Unique among its items are the desks used by the two Panhandle delegates to the 1906 Oklahoma Constitutional Convention, a Catlinite peace pipe presented in 1923 to a Hooker resident by Blackfoot Chief Two Guns White Calf, and one of the first printing presses (a Franklin—an early flatbed press for hand printing) to cross the Mississippi River.

In addition to historical artifacts the museum exhibits offer information about the region's geology and paleontology. Children and many adults tend to remember the two-headed calf and ask about it on return trips.

The Oklahoma Panhandle was known as No Man's Land due to the fact that it was not attached to any state or territory between 1850 and 1890. When the Organic Act passed on May 2, 1890, the Panhandle became part of Oklahoma Territory. Once a part of the area claimed by Spain, it has witnessed the travels of Plains Indians, cattle drives, cattlemen who grazed their livestock in the region, and squatters before the arrival of permanent settlers.



Above: The front entrance of the No Man's Land Museum. Below: The memorable two-headed calf on display at the No Man's Land Museum.



Fort Towson to host
Saltfork Blacksmith
meeting

Fort Towson will host a Saltfork Blacksmith meeting on Saturday, September 3, in the shade of the pecan grove on the fort’s grounds. There also will be a Dutch oven and campfire cooking demonstration that will result in the meal for the day. Robert Wallace will be the featured cook who will demonstrate the various outdoor cooking techniques. Once again Wallace is donating his time and talents for this activity at the fort.

There is no charge for the event, but donations will be accepted to offset the cost for food and drinks. Activities will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 2 p.m. All are invited for a day full of education, fun, and food.

For more information, call 580/873-2634 or email fttowson@okhistory.org.

Museum Store News
By Russ Haynes

Hello! Summer is here and it has been hot! I wanted to start off by saying thank you to all of you who have ordered the new coin sets we are carrying. The next thing that you may have noticed is that my column is no longer called “Gift Shop News.” At the end of June we were fortunate enough to have an expert in the field of gift shops and museum stores visit us, and as a result of his recommendations we have begun the process of converting our store from a gift shop format to a museum store format. In the future I will include new products we are carrying that better reflect what is on exhibit in the museum here at the Oklahoma History Center. In keeping with that theme I would like to bring you a line of items that reflect Oklahoma’s contributions to our country’s space program. This month’s column includes mission patches that feature Oklahoma astronauts. Next month I will bring you more mission patches that reflect Oklahoma Space Shuttle astronauts and support personnel. These would make great Christmas gifts!

Patch – Gemini 6. Astronaut Tom Stafford from Weatherford, Oklahoma, was the pilot on this mission. (3 in. across) \$1.95

Patch – Gemini 9. Astronaut Tom Stafford was the commander on this trip into space. (3 in. across) \$1.95

Patch – Apollo 10. Astronaut Tom Stafford was the commander for this mission. This was the prelude mission to Neal Armstrong walking on the moon. (3 in. across) \$2.99

Patch – Mercury 9. As one of the original seven Mercury astronauts Gordon Cooper from Shawnee, Oklahoma, got to name his own mission. He decided to call it Faith 7. (3 in. across) \$1.95

Patch – Gemini 5. This was astronaut Gordon Cooper’s second and last trip into space. He was the commander on this mission. (3 in. across) \$1.95

Patch – Apollo 14. Astronaut Stuart Roosa from Claremore, Oklahoma, flew into space on this mission as the Command Module pilot. (4 in. across) \$2.99

Patch – Skylab 1. Owen Garriott of Enid, Oklahoma, served as astronaut-scientist on the nation’s first mission to the space station, Skylab. (4 in. across) \$3.99

Patch – Skylab 2. Owen Garriott again served as astronaut-scientist on the second mission to Skylab. (4 in. across) \$3.99

Patch – Skylab 3. William Pogue of Okemah, Oklahoma, was selected as an astronaut in 1966, and after serving in the backup crews of several Apollo missions he got to fly into space as the pilot during the third mission to Skylab in 1973. (4 in. across) \$3.99

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Oklahoma History Center
to hold Volunteer
Open House

The Oklahoma History Center will host a Volunteer Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 27. Anyone interested in the Volunteer Services Program for the museum or the research center is encouraged to attend. Prospective volunteers will be able to learn more about the requirements and procedure for volunteering, areas where they can participate, and benefits of volunteering. They also can meet and visit with current volunteers. A tour of the museum will be offered at 2:30 p.m. Preregistration for the tour is required.

For more information, please call 405/522-0754 or email volunteers@okhistory.org.

Twenty-year Members
Renew in June

Listed below, with the date they joined the OHS, are people and organizations that, when they renewed their memberships in June, have been members twenty or more years. Their long-term loyalty is most sincerely appreciated!

- Vernon & Linda Pierce, Harrah, November 1, 1966
- Patricia Smith, Tulsa, April 1, 1972
- William Kiespert Jr., Edmond, May 1, 1973
- Russell Newville, Lexington, June 1, 1979
- Lewis Culver, Little Rock, AR, May 1, 1980
- Oleta Tolen, Moore, May 1, 1982
- Jim & Burnis argo, Edmond, May 1, 1983
- Fairfax Public Library, Fairfax, January 2, 1985
- Pryor High School, Pryor, July 14, 1986
- Mary Lou Peterson, Wataga, IL, November 5, 1986
- James O’Malley, Richardson, TX, March 23, 1987
- Molly Levite Griffis, Norman, June 2, 1987
- Ruthe Jones, Tulsa, March 7, 1988
- Mike & Glenna Stidham, Checotah, March 17, 1988
- Mr. and Mrs. Greg Stidham, Checotah, March 17, 1988
- Dan & Betty Hobbs, Norman, April 13, 1988
- Kenneth Nance, Oklahoma City, April 18, 1988
- Alice Coffman, Harrah, April 28, 1988
- Lee & Mary Stidham, Checotah, May 27, 1988
- Larry & Stephanie Sells, Oklahoma City, June 14, 1988
- Sac & Fox Nation Public Library, Stroud, January 24, 1989
- Gary Brown, Enid, April 19, 1989
- Cimarron Heritage Center, Boise City, May 2, 1989
- Ray & Ulele Stinchcomb, Catoosa, November 8, 1989
- W. Carlisle Mabrey III, Tulsa, December 1, 1989
- Labeth Daigre, Edmond, January 2, 1990
- Carolyn Calloway, McClellan, CA, May 4, 1990
- Harry Seay, Tulsa, August 6, 1990
- Carol Woitchek, Oklahoma City, June 21, 1991

MUSEUM STORE ORDER FORM		
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Traditional Cherokee Beadwork Class attracts nationwide participation

The Beginning Beadwork Class held on June 4 at the Oklahoma History Center attracted students from across the nation. Martha Berry, a nationally renowned Cherokee beadwork artist instructed the class of twenty students. Event organizers considered the class a major success.

Class participants came from across the nation to attend the class. Students listed the following as their home states: California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and Washington.

Eva Garrouette, a class participant from Massachusetts, made the following comments about her experience with the class: “I just wanted to let you know how much I benefited from your efforts to bring Martha Berry’s “Beginners Class in Cherokee Beadwork” to the Oklahoma History Center this month. I had to travel all the way from Boston, Massachusetts, to attend this event because I know of no other place where I could go to learn about this area of artistic accomplishment and cultural history. I am glad to say that the experience proved well worth my efforts to get there. What a terrific class and what a terrific teacher!!! . . . This rare and wonderful class meant a great deal to me. . . . It appears that you have started something that will continue to extend my knowledge and give me pleasure. . . . This class was a real triumph!”

Frank Phillips Home and Questers present third Tangible History Program

The third in a series of “Tangible History” programs will be presented Friday, August 26, from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m. at the Frank Phillips Home in Bartlesville. The topic for this session will be Civil War jewelry, and Martha Ray will be the presenter. Ray is recently retired from the Oklahoma Historical Society and is well known around the state for her enjoyable presentations and workshops.

The Nellie Johnstone Questers offer the “Tangible History” programs to everyone free of charge, according to Kim Goss of the Frank Phillips Home. The presentations began April 22, with future presentations scheduled for September 23 and October 21.

“These programs focus on the history of household and decorative items and how they were created and used,” Goss said. “The Frank Phillips Home is excited to host these presentations, and the staff is looking forward to welcoming visitors along with members of the Questers.”

The Questers embody the excitement of searching for that perfect treasure, the love of learning about antiques, the interest in history, and the joy of working on preservation and restoration projects. They take special pride in helping preservationists and conservators who professionally care for Oklahoma history, artifacts, and sites.

The Frank Phillips Home was the residence of Frank Phillips, founder of Phillips Petroleum Company. Today, the site preserves the history of the home and its furnishings. Tours are offered Wednesday through Saturday.

For more information about the “Tangible History” programs or details about the Frank Phillips Home, call 918/336.2491, ext. 104, or email fphome@sbcglobal.net.

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The Return of Elegance: An Evening Wear Collection **exhibit debuts at History Center**

The Oklahoma History Center is pleased to announce the debut of *The Return of Elegance: An Evening Wear Collection*, a fashion exhibit that showcases more than twenty-five evening gowns from the textile collection of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Many of these elegant gowns were worn by Oklahoma women at inaugural balls, society events, and other special occasions between 1915 and 1980. The exhibit also highlights fashion accessories including footwear and evening bags.

This special exhibit is showing in the Samuel Roberts Nobel Gallery of the Oklahoma History Center. For more information, please call 405/522-0794 or email jholt@okhistory.org.



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Family Saturday Program on “Back to School”

The next Family Saturday Program will be held on Saturday, August 20. The topic will be “Back to School.”

The program will feature activities on school and how children learned during different time periods. The focus will be on the one-room schoolhouse.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free during the program for children younger than eighteen years old who are accompanied by an adult. Regular admission is charged for adults. Admission includes all activities as well as full access to the museum and its exhibits.

Family Saturdays occur the third Saturday of each month until October 2011. Each program has a different theme and features education and activities for all ages.

For more information, contact 405/522-0765.



Three of the gowns on display in *The Return of Elegance: An Evening Wear Collection* (photographs courtesy of Jim Meeks).